



Education and Culture DG

# Promoting the learning mobility of young people



## European Commission Green Paper

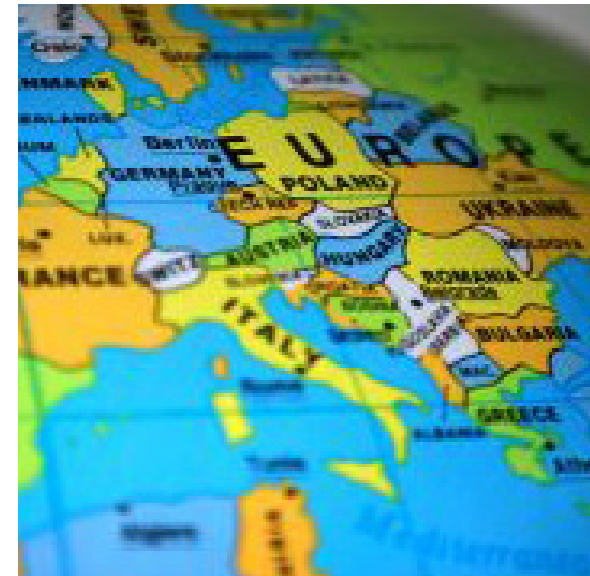
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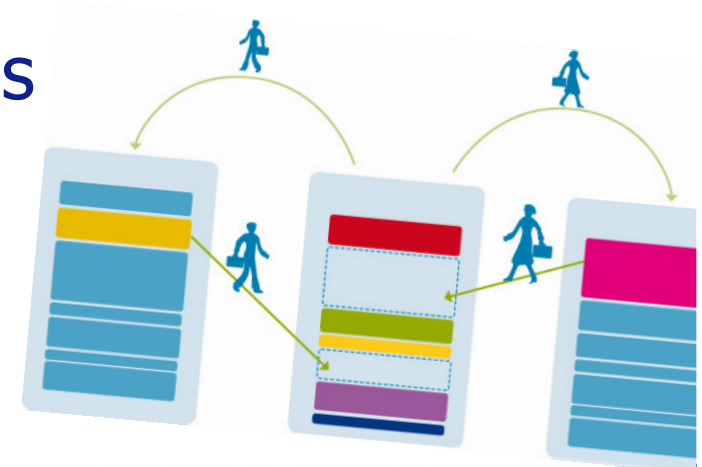
# What do we mean by Learning Mobility (LM)?

« Transnational mobility for the purpose of acquiring new skills »



## Why is LM important?

- Strengthens employability and personal development
- Can prepare for mobility in working life
- Makes E&T systems more open, more European and more international
- Enhances Europe's competitiveness
- Helps combat isolationism and xenophobia.



# Why a Green Paper now?

- 2007: 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ERASMUS programme
- June 2008: High Level Expert Forum on Mobility
- July 2008: Renewed Social Agenda (“5<sup>th</sup> freedom”)
- Nov. 2008: Council requests LM for all young people
- April 2009: Bologna Conference (“20% by 2020”)
- June 2009: Employment Communication (stress on M)



**Political Consensus on Objective**

**Open debate with stakeholders**



# New Youth and Mobility initiative



- LM has been given a huge boost recently.
- President Barosso announced in political guidelines for the next Commission a new initiative “Youth on the Move”.
- By 2020 “all young people in Europe must have the possibility to spend part of their educational pathway in other MS”



## Structure of the paper

- Why a Green Paper and what kind of mobility?
- The three phases of a mobility period: preparation, stay abroad, return – obstacles and good practice.
- New partnership for mobility.
- Conclusions and how to take part in the consultation.



# What kind of mobility?

- M of young people in ***all sectors*** (schools, HE, VET, volunteers, youth exchanges...);
- ***Organised*** M, linked to learning outcomes;
- Mainly ***within Europe***, but also ***beyond***;
- Not only ***like-to-like***, but also ***cross-sector*** M;
- Primarily ***physical*** M, but ***virtual*** M can play important role;
- Concentrates on ***young*** people (16-35 years).<sup>1</sup>



# Where do we stand?

- Numerous European *programmes*: Lifelong Learning Programme, Marie Curie, Culture, Youth in Action, Europe for citizens, Erasmus for young entrepreneurs...







- European *tools*: ECTS, ECVET, Europass, EQF, Diploma Supplement, Youth Pass, EURAXESS...

**BUT:** only 310,000 of 16-29 y olds benefit from EU programmes (= 0.3% per annum)

 **Clearly much more could be done to boost LM**



# Examples of questions raised

- *How can the availability of info and guidance be improved?* 
- *How can young people be better informed about the benefits of LM?* 
- *How can linguistic obstacles best be addressed?*
- *What are the main legal obstacles to LM?* 
- *What are the main obstacles to the portability of grants and loans?* 



# New partnership for LM: Mobilising Actors and Resources

- *How can all actors be better mobilised?*
- *How can businesses be motivated to be more strongly involved in LM?*
- *How can ICTs be used to enrich physical mobility?*
- *What are the main obstacles to a stronger engagement of teachers and trainers in promoting LM?*
- *Are targets useful in defining a mobility strategy, and if so, at what level (European, national...)?*



# What next (1)?

- The Commission calls upon all stakeholders, from governments to individuals, to support its efforts to make LM the rule rather than the exception.
- Many issues imply action at national, regional and institutional level, plus the active involvement of civil society, business and other stakeholders.
- The Commission will carefully evaluate the feedback to the consultation and prepare a proposal for the follow-up.



## What next (2)?



- Consultation open until 15 December 2009
- We need your support to disseminate the GP to all relevant stakeholders and other interested parties etc. and encourage participation in the consultation.
- Political follow-up to be ready in second half of 2010 under the new Commission.
- Thank you

